

# ORGANIC FUEL CELL METHODS AND PARATUSES

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A liquid organic fuel cell is provided which employs a solid electrolyte membrane. An organic fuel, such as a methanol/water mixture, is circulated past an anode of a cell while oxygen or air is circulated past a cathode of the cell. The cell solid electrolyte membrane is preferably fabricated from Nafion™.

Additionally, a method for improving the performance of carbon

electrode structures for use in organic fuel cells is provided

wherein a high surface-area carbon particle/Teflon™-binder structure is immersed within a Nafion™/methanol bath to

impregnate the electrode with Nafion™. A method for fabricating an anode for use in a organic fuel cell is described wherein metal

alloys are deposited onto the electrode in an electro-deposition solution containing perfluorooctanesulfonic acid. A fuel additive

containing perfluorooctanesulfonic acid for use with fuel cells employing a sulfuric acid electrolyte is also disclosed. New

organic fuels, namely, trimethoxymethane, dimethoxymethane, and

trioxane are also described for use with either conventional or improved fuel cells.